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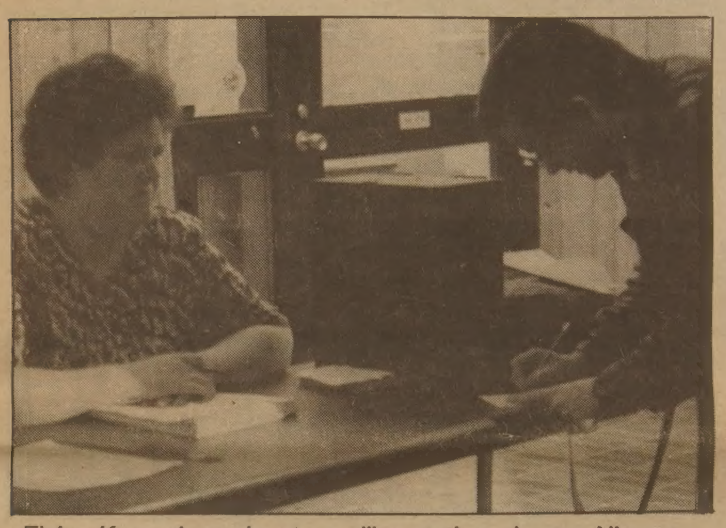

Elaine Kennedy works at a polling station where a Niagara College student casts his vote on March 28.
Photo by Will Webster

Bren Biggs new SAC president

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

Niagara College has a new Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Nearly 200 students voted in the March 27 and 28 election as two of three incumbents was defeated. The sole current SAC member to retain a seat was new President Bren Biggs. Three incumbents sought re-election.

Biggs, a 28-year-old Recreational Leadership program student, took 124 votes, while her opponent, Broadcast Radio, Television and Film program student John Bell, 21, received 65 votes.

The big winner on the day was Niagara Knights hockey player Lyndon Johnston, new vice-president athletics, who garnered 112 votes to Jim Konrad's 78. Johnston's win was interesting because, during the count, many ballots were read that contained only a vote for Johnston.

Third on the vote-earning scale was Paula Dempsey, a Business Administration program student, who listed her age as "no comment." She knocked off SAC incumbent Adam Richards 110-65, to win the pivotal vice-president executive chair.

"I feel great," said the married mother of two, one of seven people who scrutinized the returns.

Dempsey, who launched a late poster campaign with a hope it would encourage people to get out and vote, added, "I feel very appreciative that I have that many supporters. I didn't know that I affected that many people."

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Athletic banquet honors top competitors

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Many athletes were honored at the Niagara College athletic banquet held in the Student Centre on March 28.

The night began with Peter Rylander, the college's co-ordinator of athletics, welcoming the students, coaches and guests.

He thanked the coaches, "who dedicate so much of their time," to the players, "who come out continuously."

Rylander welcomed Welland Mayor Rick Reuter, Carol Boettcher, the college's vice-president student life and human resources, and Bernard Baril, former chair of Niagara College's board of governors.

Mayor Reuter said he was bringing congratulations to the athletes, who were keeping the "winning tradition" at Niagara. "Athletes always bring credit to the school and the municipality they represent," the mayor said.

Niagara College President John Saso was not at the banquet because of a meeting he had with Ontario Premier Bob Rae, Rylander said.

In a letter read at the banquet, he congratulated the athletes and thanked them for being "representatives of the college."

After the dinner, Rylander started the presentation of awards by presenting the teams with school letters and pins. When the teams were introduced, Rylander announced the presentation of most valuable player (MVP) awards.

The major sports in the school are hockey, basketball (male and female), and volleyball (male and female) and only those teams receive selections for MVP, he said.

Rylander congratulated all the MVP awards winners.

All the teams had different results in their playoff appearances; there were four medals and two championships for the college this year.

The golf team won a silver medal this year.

Sean Ellis and Cindy Emery of the badminton team won the gold medal for the Ontario Mixed Championship. They also competed in the Canadian mixed competition, ending in fourth place.

The curling team obtained a silver medal for a second consecutive year.

The touch football team won a gold medal for the second straight year and was named Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Team of the Week twice.

Presenting the 1995 Athletes of the Year, Cindy Emery of the badminton team and Blair Cudmore of the men's volleyball team.
Photo by Jennifer Dickens

Tuitions will rise for 1995 school year

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Rest assured tuitions will go up for the 1995-96 school year, says the Niagara College registrar.

Finance Minister Paul Martin's March 6 federal budget was issued amid speculation about an increase in university and college tuitions. Since the budget, one of the many questions facing college students is the likely tuition hike.

Niagara College Registrar Al Vaughan told the Niagara News a tuition hike is "inevitable" and it will go through as speculated.

Desmond McCurry, associate registrar at the college, said there will be increases in the tuitions for the next school year.

McCurry said students' tuitions cover a Student Administrative Council (SAC) fee, college internal fee and a government established tuition of $1,008. He said there will be an increase of $101 in the tuition fee and $1 in the SAC fee.

McCurry told the Niagara News during the 1994-95 school year, one-year programs cost $1,461, two-year programs cost $1,443, and three-years cost $1,397.

Tuition hike is 'inevitable' Al Vaughan

In the 1995-96 school year, one-year programs will cost $1,563, two-year programs will cost $1,515, and three-year programs will cost $1,499.

Vaughan said tuitions will go up $101 more, but "realistically, college tuition is more affordable than university."

Randy Barkwell, a first-year General Arts program student, is not happy with the proposed tuition jump. "I think tuitions are already high as it is, another $100 more is only $100 worse," he said.

Stephanie May, a first-year Business Accounting program student, said a rise in tuition will affect her in the long run. May is an Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) recipient and she says she believes the increase in tuitions means that she will have to pay more back to OSAP.

However, some students agree the $101 hike is not too much. John Elliot, a first-year Legal Assistant program student, said college tuition is "nothing compared to university."

McCurry said the college does not expect anymore increases in the next two years, and "there is no indication of increases to come, but it must be taken from a year-to-year basis."

Start search for summer job now

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

For students in search of a summer job, the importance of family and friends cannot be overlooked, says Janet Forfar, Niagara College's career services officer.

"Networking is one of the most valuable job search methods," she says. "Nothing is more effective than a personal network."

Forfar, who has worked in the college's career service department for the past five years, says self-promotion and confidence are vital for students searching for summer work.

A basic self-promotional tool is the personal resume.

"All employers, even summer employers, require something on paper," she says adding her department not only provides advice on resume preparation, but will print student resumes for a small fee.

Once a contact is made, Forfar says students must approach potential employers with "confidence, flexibility and a good attitude."

Self-promotion is vital

"Employers are willing to teach you, but they will not tolerate a bad attitude. In today's tough corporate climate there's absolutely no tolerance for someone with the 'that's not my job' attitude."

For students seeking work in the Niagara Region, Forfar has good news. She says the area's traditionally strong industries of hospitality and horticulture are "gearing up for a better year."

Forfar also recommends government initiatives designed specifically for unemployed students.

On March 18, the federal government announced funding of $90 million for a student job program.

Ottawa expects the program will create over 44,500 summer jobs for students.

To take advantage of this program, Forfar encourages students to register at the nearest Canada Employment Centre.

The Ontario provincial government also has student-job programs.

For more information, consult the jobsOntario Summer Employment handbook. Copies of the handbook are available at the Career Services Centre.

More graduates finding jobs

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

Within six months of graduation, just over half of Niagara College's Class of 1994 were able to find jobs in their chosen fields.

The 1994 Graduate Report shows that the percentage of graduates able to find employment directly related to their area of study increased to 55 per cent in 1994 from 51 per cent in 1993.

The annual report says 82 per cent of students, from the same graduating year, found work unrelated to their college programs.

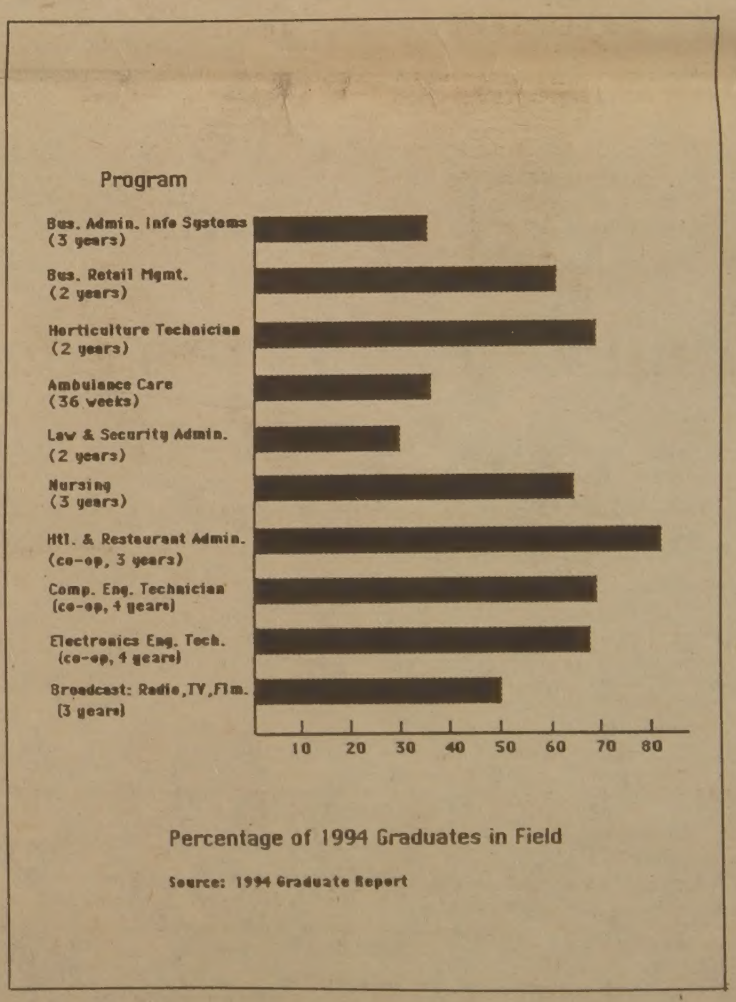
This figure represents a "slight improvement" of four per cent from figures in the 1993 Graduate Report.

Janet Forfar, Niagara College's career service officer, says the market place determines the report's figures.

"The report reflects the economy. For example, because the auto industry is doing well, those graduates in manufacturing and technology are having better luck finding jobs."

Forfar adds she is "quite pleased" by the report's findings.

"When considering how tough the job market is today, I think the 1994 graduates have done quite well."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Bus. Admin. Info Systems (3 years)
Bus. Retail Mgmt. (2 years)
Horticulture Technician (2 years)
Ambulance Care (36 weeks)
Law & Security Admin. (2 years)
Nursing (3 years)
Htl. & Restaurant Admin. (co-op, 3 years)
Comp. Eng. Technician (co-op, 4 years)
Electronics Eng. Tech. (co-op, 4 years)
Broadcast: Radio,TV,Film. (3 years)
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
Percentage of 1994 Graduates in Field
Source: 1994 Graduate Report

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'Ontario students pay lowest tuition in North America'

By JOSEPH GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

As budgets get tighter and deficits mount, university and college tuitions are likely to increase over the next year.

Desmond McCurry, Niagara College's associate registrar, says he expects tuition will increase about $100 for the 1995-96 school year.

The base tuition this year is $1,008. Other fees such as graduation fees, Student Administrative Council fees, and activity fees are added to the base tuition.

McCurry says even with tuition fees and government grants, Niagara still runs a deficit every year.

As far as future tuition hikes for 1996-97, the college won't know until November of next year.

Despite paying more money McCurry says, "Ontario students pay the lowest tuition fees in North America."

Mike Kanters, 23, a second-year Computer Engineering Technology program student, says college tuition is nothing compared to what he paid in university.

Becky Cook, 26, a first-year Arborist Apprenticeship program student, says, "It will be harder to make ends meet, especially when you live on your own."

Most students agree they don't want to pay more money. Edith Ediger, 21, a second-year Nursing program student, says the raise in tuition will not affect her at the present time. "It will affect me after school when I start paying off my Ontario Student Assistance Program." Ediger says an increase in tuition might deter some students wanting to go to post-secondary school. However, she says students are lucky to pay fairly low tuitions compared to other countries.

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SAC FACTS

Election rules violated says Bell

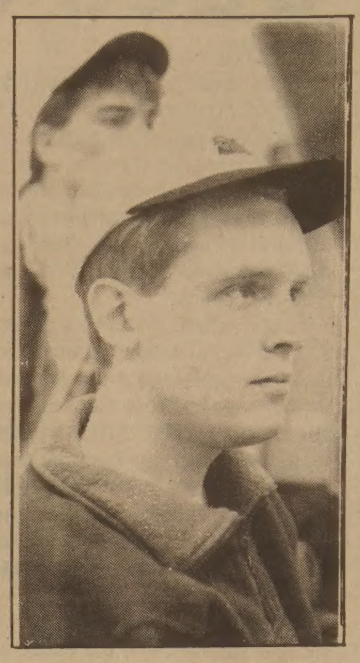
By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

Student Administrative Council (SAC) presidential contender John Bell has dropped plans to challenge the election of Bren Biggs as SAC president.

On March 27, Bell told the Niagara News that he intended to launch a formal complaint regardless of whether he won or lost.

"The matter of the fact is according to the rules, my opponent shouldn't have even been in the race - period," said Bell, on April 3. "The students have said their minds, but had they known about the violation of the rules, maybe they would have felt a little different."

Bell, who has given no reason for dropping the complaint, based his original concerns on a rule that states all candidates must have their posters removed from around the polling station before 4 p.m. March 24. Biggs had three posters up around the polling station, in the counselling office in the Merritt building, until 5:30 p.m. on the day they were to be removed.



JOHN BELL

Bell said five witnesses saw the posters. Those witnesses include new vice-president executive Paula Dempsey, a news reporter and two other students. Chief Returning Officer Lou DiMattio also saw the posters up after deadline.

Biggs admitted that her posters had been left up beyond deadline. She said it was "physically impossible to be there at that time." Biggs also said that she gave no one directions to take the posters down.

The posters were removed at 5:30 p.m. by fellow SAC member Linda Shuart.

'You can see what sort of vicious circle I'm caught in' - John Bell

DiMattio said the date attached to the rules was for last year's election. The rules clearly state "4:00 p.m. March 24, 1995." Niagara News files show that last year's election took place prior to March 24, 1994, with a second election occurring April 19, 1994.

On March 24, Dempsey called the incident a "clear violation of the rules," adding that she didn't see what the problem was, so long as the posters were removed sometime that day.

This was the second time Bell has raised concerns about Biggs' election practices. Earlier he lodged a verbal complaint about Biggs' posters being taped to windows and doors, another violation of the election rules.

Bell has also raised questions about DiMattio's role as Chief Returning Officer. Constitutionally, DiMattio is a sitting member of SAC, although she does not have voting privileges. She chairs regular SAC meetings and offers advice to the council.

As Chief Returning Officer DiMattio is required to chair any tribunal looking into complaints about the election. Bell said he views this as a problem.

"You can see what sort of vicious circle I'm caught in if I try to make any change," said Bell, referring to DiMattio's position.

"I can see how someone who doesn't know Lou could have a perception of bias," said Biggs on March 27. "All candidates were informed and knew that she was our Chief Returning Officer. And if there were any concerns about bias she may have, they were not raised at that time."

Dempsey says Yes

VP ready for new role

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She said the biggest challenge facing SAC is to find ways to get people involved in the college, adding, "I don't think just posters cut it."

Dempsey responded with a quick "Yes," when asked if she understood that she is about to become a signing authority on $500,000, SAC's budget.

Mark McNiven, a 21-year-old BRTF student, overcame a strong challenge from Amanda Michaud to earn a slim 99-81 win in the vice-president internal race.

"I'm relieved that it is over right now," said McNiven, after the ballots were counted. "I think that I'll be able to do the job as well as I can."

McNiven added he is looking forward to working with Niagara News and CRNC next year, to ensure SAC events are publicized a lot more than this year. McNiven said there are many students in the college who do not feel that SAC is doing anything for them.

"At the very worse people will know what is happening this year," he said.

The closest race was between incumbent Linda Shuart and newcomer Michael Matkowski, for the vice-president external position. Matkowski defeated Shuart by 14 votes, 98-84.

"I'm as excited as heck. I was a way nervous, way more nervous than I expected to be today. I'm very happy actually," said Matkowski, when informed of the win.

Matkowksi, 23, a broadcasting student, said the biggest challenge facing the new SAC is to work together, and not to have the "bs" that went on this year.

"Even though the turn-out wasn't great, you still obviously have to be accountable to these people, at least these 100 people, over and over, that voted. That's what matters."

PAULA DEMPSEY

BREN BIGGS

How it turned out

President	John Bell	65
	Bren Biggs	124
Vice President Executive	Paula Dempsey	110
	Adam Richards	65
Vice President External	Mark McNiven	99
	Amanda Michaud	81
Vice President Internal	Michael Matkowski	98
	Linda Shuart	84
Vice President Athletics	Lyndon Johnston	112
	Jim Konrad	72
Total individual votes cast		910

Sac bits

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

Student Administrative Council (SAC) President Jason Graham resigned his post effective March 31, 1995. Graham left his post for a work placement with the Welland Tribune. Quoting from his resignation, "I know in my brain that we were the best SAC in a long time..."

Bren Biggs will fill in for Graham.

SAC voted in-camera on March 20 to raise student activity fees by one per cent. The new fee is $131.50. This hike was announced at the annual general meeting but could not be found in the SAC minutes from March 20. On April 3, a new version of the minutes showed up with the fee hike included.

Niagara News files show the fee hike was not discussed in the open portion of the March 20 meeting.

Newly-elected Vice-President Social Scott Verhoevan and After Hours manager David Rapelje will be attending the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) conference in Ottawa on May 27 to June 2. SAC granted the pair; $214 registration, $575 accommodations and $250 for miscellaneous expenses for the seven-day trip.

SAC gave the OK for a $4,500 entertainment budget for the year-end bash featuring the Killjoys ($700), Pure ($2,300) and Monika Deoll ($1,500).

Watch for an entirely new student card in the new year. The card will have the student's photo, a bar graph and living color.

SAC member Adam Richards apologized for his behavior at the annual general meeting on March 28. Richards walked out the meeting after berating students for criticizing the current SAC.

In his letter of March 31 Adams wrote, "I would like to apologize for my unprofessional breach of the code of conduct that we hold as our guide for behavior while acting in an official capacity. I regret my actions during the AGM and upon careful consideration of my conduct, I feel the embarrassment that I'm sure you all shared. I extend my personal guarantee that an outbreak of that or any other nature will never again take place during my representation of SAC."

New and old SAC members will get together for a pig roast at David Rapelje's place on April 28. Who is paying for the pig?Bren Biggs said, "I believe Dave is."

Voting is a democratic obligation -not a privilege.
-anonymous

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Ann Noying stay away

Whoever said, "There's no such thing as dumb question" probably never encountered anyone who asked dumb questions.

I have become afraid of people who ask dumb questions in an attempt to start conversations. To prevent confusion in the following scenarios, I will refer to this type of person as Ann Noying.

This semester Ann, who is in one of my classes, has become addicted to asking me the same question every day — "Did we have any homework last night?"

This would be a reasonable question if Ann showed interest in the answer. However, Ann has two strikes against her: First, she is always in class. So, logically, she should know whether we had homework or not.

Second, she never does the homework even when I explain what to do and how to do it.

Another incident of Ann Noying in the area has struck a close friend of mine while she eats her lunch. Ann's hounding questions about my friend's educational plans for the future have caused so much stress that she has given up eating lunch just to steer clear of Ann.

I'm sure it is difficult for these Anns of the world to carry on conversations with others which is why they pick one question and stick to it for months. But in doing so, they make their victims uncomfortable. The only good thing that comes from having "Anns" in the world is that I have finally decided on what to write for this editorial.

Chantel Guertin

Free enterprise: USA vs Canada

Sickening free enterprise is allowing the United States to cash in on its national horror. Meanwhile, passive Canada keeps heartaches hidden not trying for a quick buck through exploitation.

Convicted American rapist Mike Tyson has been released from his four-year pump-up in prison. The former heavyweight champion is expected to earn $150 million in the next three years, while Canadian rower Silken Laumann has been shunned for taking the wrong Benadryl formulation. Her gold medal was seized because of a decongestant mix-up.

The American ideal of Manifest Destiny twinkles as they hoist flags and sing "been there, fought them." Forever wanting more, more, more. Across the border, expansion is in reverse, as Canada faces separatism threats. Quebecers (with tips from Finance Minister Paul Martin's budget) are thinking cut, cut, cut.

Finally, the U.S. is making millions from the sensationalized O.J. Simpson case. The trial is also infesting our Canadian media. While hometown shame Paul Bernardo is subject to a strict publication ban (even denied his own serial killer trading card).

Americans have mastered shining the spotlight on society's dark side — and cashing in on it. As Canadians spend all their loonies trying to cover it up.

Teresa Armstrong

Many thanks to the paper

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Athletic Department and all the great coaches at Niagara College, I would like to thank you and your staff for the superb job that has been done this year in covering varsity athletics.

The student athletes and coaches have all commented at various times throughout the year how great the coverage has been for all our varsity teams.

Special thanks to Michael Mucaki, Shelley Holden, David Crane, Craig Morrison, Frank Serra and Heath Anderson. They all did a great job.

Our sincere good wishes in all their future endeavors.

Peter Rylander
Co-ordinator of Athletics

Letters to editor

Case closed

Dear Editor:

On the front page of the March 24, 1995 Niagara News (Vol. 25 No. 14), just below the pictures of the pretty spring flowers, was a story pertaining to the dismissal of Dawn Swayze, vice-president of internal affairs for the Student Administrative Council (SAC) at Niagara College.

In this article, Swayze accused SAC of illegal actions against her, that her rights under the Human Rights Code had been violated, that she didn't receive SAC support while still a working member and, in what I think was a very bold statement, explained that she believed she was removed from council because she "speaks the truth."

On page four of the paper, a letter was submitted to the editor in effect slamming SAC and glorifying Swayze's efforts before her removal from the organization.

Alun Davies, author of this letter, referred to both Swayze and the students of Niagara College as "victims" of SAC and their efforts. He went on to state that SAC is somewhat of a joke and that he doesn't think they represent the student body.

For the last two years, I have been a full-time student at the college, an active participant in school activities run through SAC, an employee of After Hours, the school pub, and a close friend and scrutinizer of SAC members, including Swayze, and their efforts therein.

As Davies claimed in his letter, I am also disgusted with this situation, but my reasons are very different.

I remain very proud of SAC's efforts this year. In a school where apathy seems to replace school spirit, I sincerely believe they all, including Swayze, worked their very hardest to improve student life at Niagara.

However, in the last three months, I have been a witness and at times a party to Swayze's behavior. I have been present at College Council meetings where Swayze, still an active member of SAC, appeared disorganized and frustrated when fielding questions and then left abruptly after presenting her cause, the multi-system assessment, her subject at that particular meeting.

But please, enough mud slinging.

The point I am trying to make is that from beginning to end — this Swayze/SAC situation has been a messy one, with victims on all sides. SAC has lost a bright and imaginative member and Swayze, now seeking redemption for her own actions, is looking for someone or something to blame, and I don't believe that scapegoat should be SAC.

At this time I would like to thank SAC, both before and after Swayze's dismissal, and Dave Rapelje, manager of the Student Centre, for a job well done. Hats off to you all.

Now if everyone would stop trying to find someone to blame for this unfortunate turned ugly situation, maybe SAC could get back to working for the students and Swayze can head to those greener campuses she described in an opinion piece a few weeks ago.

Karin Keir
Second-year Journalism-Print program

Stop the waste

Dear Editor:

Re: Academic Transcripts

As a student in the Environmental Management program at Niagara College, I am disturbed by the waste of resources by the college administration, specificially the Student Academic Records Department.

Since January, I have received four transcripts from the Records Office concerning my first semester results. A similar situation has occurred with many of my classmates.

This represents a waste of paper, and postage costs, and is redundant considering all our marks were posted in our home classroom when they become available.

I wonder if this situation is occurring in other programs? I would like to think that my tuition is being put to more efficient use.

Joel Begin
Environmental Management program

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PERSPECTIVES

Peace, order and yummy sandwiches

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

With the provincial election announcement minutes away, provincial leaders are lining up their party platforms to woo Ontario voters.

E. Lee Moynsary, leader of the Sparkling Waters Party, offers his party's positions:

CASINOS

Lobbyists representing Niagara Falls and Fort Erie are competing for the provincially-run casino. To determine the winner, have the honorable mayors from each municipality sit down at the card table for an all-night poker game. To the winner: the much sought after slot machines. For one year, the loser will be forced to play the horrible odds offered by *Pro Line*.

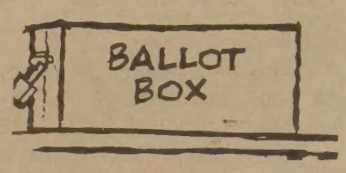


PHOTO RADAR

Scrap the current pilot project. Replace it with cameras able to take pictures of conventional OPP speed traps. Rename the new project as Radar Photos.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

Repeal current legislation between the province and public service unions. Offer free recording contracts to Ontario rock supergroups of the 80s (Platinum Blond, Glass Tiger, where are you?) with the condition that they produce cover versions of that 1967 anthem "A Place to Stand, A Place to Grow, Ontari-aayri-aayri-yo."

COLLEGES and UNIVERSITIES

Provide a free one-way ticket to Florida and a pocketful of pogs, for all applicants to post-secondary institutions. Not only will this measure save taxpayers' money, but it will promote family values by re-uniting the province's youth with their affluent Snowbird grandparents.

QUEBEC SEPARATION

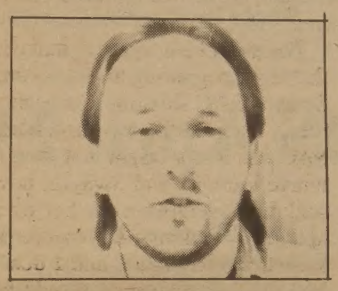
Endorse the idea on one condition — if Quebec leaves Confederation, they take us with them.

PEACE, ORDER AND YUMMY SANDWICHES

In the 1994 federal election, the Natural Law Party said, if elected, a group of Yogi Flyers would levitate over Parliament Hill to produce peace and tranquility across the nation.

The Sparkling Waters Party, in true Yogi style, advocates giving free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to all residents of Ontario.

Justice should be first



By KON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Rather than the media pushing to have the Bernardo trial televised, I feel the real issue should be to get the trial started.

Caught up in all the hoopla of the Simpson trial, the Canadian media would like to show their American counterparts, that we too can offer television at its worst.

Sure it's interesting and the public should see how our justice system works, but I would rather see justice served and served promptly.

Bernardo was charged more than 17 months ago and time goes on. The importance of this case is not at question, what is at question is the time it takes for the Canadian system.

The families whose lives have been affected by this fiasco deserve to see justice served and served swiftly.

Instead, what they see is no T.V., no publication and no trial.

The Canadian media would like to show the workings of Canadian justice for all to see. The public could then judge for themselves as to its effectiveness. But, with no trial what's to show. And besides, I question whether or not we would be infringing on the family's rights to privacy.

I applaud the court's decision as far as publicly televising the Bernardo trial in Canada. However, the courts still must be accountable for what goes on behind closed doors. My applause stops there.

Muralize offending walls

Let students spruce up the college

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

As my third year at this college comes to a close, I can honestly say that I am a little confused by the direction the college is taking.

Build more buildings, more programs and more students, when it appears that maintaining the existing buildings is more than can be handled.

I make reference to the awful condition of the Simcoe building in particular. Paint is peeling in the stairways. Classrooms are shoddy and who chooses the colors?

I realize the maintenance people are doing the best they can and I hope additional staff will be hired. That doesn't help the present.

The college has people come from all over the country. They appeal to governments abroad in hopes of attracting foreign students. They send representatives to some of those countries to further enhance the college's image.

When those countries send delegates to visit Niagara College, I'm sure that John Saso doesn't tour them through those areas. Still, no matter where a student is from, there must be a way to make present and future buildings at all of Niagara's campuses presentable.

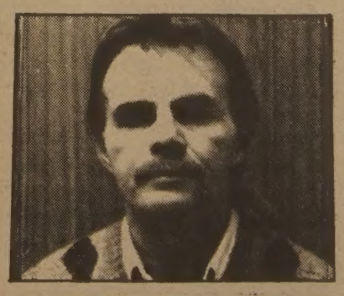
If maintenance does not have the staff or the funding, then why not present the opportunity to the students? The college emphasizes their "hands-on" approach when it comes to program content, then why not allow graphic arts students the chance to display their skills?

Welland hails itself as the "city of murals," so why not ask for submissions from students and have a panel of judges decide what is best for the college and muralize some of the offending walls of the college?

Money can be raised many ways and possibly the students won't want to tackle this but it's worth a try.

Possible conflict of interest at SAC elections

Chief Returning Officer a non-voting member of SAC



By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

According to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) constitution, Lou DiMattio is one of "two designated staff members" who serve as resource personnel on the SAC Board of Directors.

Although DiMattio is not extended voting privileges, she is considered to be a member of the SAC under article 05, section (iii).

DiMattio was appointed chief returning officer under Article 24, (2), "the Board of Directors shall appoint a Chief Returning Officer who shall be responsible for the general conduct of the elections."

But DiMattio is one of their (SAC's) own. I believe this is a conflict of interest, even though DiMattio does not have a vote on the board.

For the past year DiMattio has sat in with the board and has offered advice and direction to SAC. In the course of time she has chaired regular SAC meetings, has become friendly with the people on SAC, and has been supportive of their efforts (which is probably a good thing).

However, DiMattio's affinity with SAC and her involvement in the day-to-day operations there, should preclude her from being a suitable candidate for the office of Chief Returning Officer.

Anyone who observed DiMattio's participation at the recent candidates speeches would likely come away with the sense that she is somehow one of the current SAC. That is because she is.

Anyone who has brought concerns about SAC to DiMattio, as I have, is also aware she is a defender of the current SAC.

This combination of factors: her constitutional position, her friendship with members of SAC, her actions in the candidate speeches, and her defence of SAC, do not make her a suitable candidate for Chief Returning Officer.

I am not saying DiMattio would deliberately do anything untoward. But her relationship with SAC lends more than a mere perception of bias. Anyone who has spent the time she has with SAC would definitely be affected with either a pro, or con, position toward SAC.

The Chief Returning Officer should be above any perception of bias, pro or con. This person should have no personal tie to the sitting council, or to those who are candidates.

However, this is not the case with DiMattio.

In my opinion, she should reconsider her position, both as Chief Returning Officer and as a member of SAC.

SAC should then call an emergency general meeting of all students and, according to the constitution, ratify the election of the new SAC, or, if ratification cannot take place, name a new returning officer and recall the election.

YOUR HEALTH

Curling 'Sisters' a real act to follow

By CHANTEL GUERTIN
Staff Writer

Nuns, baseball players, and even world champion curlers were throwing rocks for cancer on Saturday, March 25 in St. Catharines.

The "sisters," who entered the St. Catharines Curling Club on Grantham Avenue dancing to songs from the movie "Sister Act," were actually men, including Henry Burgoyne, owner of the St. Catharines Standard.

The baseball players were really CKTB radio station personalities. But the world champions were authentic. Their rink consisted of Marilyn Bodough, Kathy McEdwards, Peter Corner, and Glenn Howard. Even though Bodough announced before playing, "And Henry, wherever you are, you're dead," all the games appeared high-spirited and in good fun.

On one rink, five Rotarians, plus their "Equipment Specialist" who fetched beverages for the clan, rearranged rocks for an inexperienced foursome, to help them win the game.

Curl for Cancer is an annual event held at the St. Catharines Curling Club. There were different events throughout the day, including the celebrity draw, curl to the button, Kids Kurl for Kancer, and several other draws which clubs, businesses, and groups of people entered by getting sponsors on their pledge sheets.

The event raised more than $25,000.

Rotarians from the St. Catharines-Lakeshore Club curl to raise money for cancer research.
Photo by Chantel Guertin

Jelly beans for Red Cross

By RONALD DUGUAY
Staff Writer

March was Red Cross month.

Renate Martin, of Hazbean County near Thunder Bay, Ont., volunteers her time to help the Red Cross Society.

She was at Niagara Falls City Hall March 24 selling jelly beans to raise money for the Red Cross.

She said she sold 2,100 bags of the candy in February, but was hoping to sell 5,000 bags in March.

"If there are any beans left over, we will probably donate them to the local food bank," said Martin.

Although the Red Cross receives most of its funding from the United Way, funds are still needed from local residents and business people.

The Canadian Red Cross Society

There are many services offered by the Red Cross, but money is needed to help others, said Martin.

Such services include first aid courses, babysitting, international services to inform the public of disasters when they happen, tracing and reunion of family members and use of health care equipment in the home.

In Niagara Falls, there are about eight blood donor clinics a year, said Martin.

"This is the first time we've done this drive in Niagara Falls, but we plan to come back every year," she said.

People are urged to donate blood when the clinics are held.

Red Cross statistics show less than two per cent of the population in Canada give blood.

Six of every 10 Canadians will need blood, or a blood product, at least once in their lives.

One pint of blood will help four people.

"People should be proud to be blood donors," said Martin.

Walk for MS April 23

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

The Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society is sponsoring the 1995 Super Cities Walk on Sunday, April 23. This event is to raise money so research can be done to find a cure for MS.

MS is a disease of the central nervous system. MS can range from mild to severe and cause speech, vision and mobility problems. MS affects both men and women between the ages of 20 to 40.

"These are the years of career and family building," said a press release from the Multiple Sclerosis Society. "Research being completed at the present time is showing promising results and ultimately a cure will be found."

Two of the local walk locations are St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

In St. Catharines, the walk starts at the Port Dalhousie Lions Club and goes along the scenic Lake Ontario shore line.

This is the first time Niagara Falls has hosted the event.

Last year, the average walker raised $125. The goal this year is to raise $150 a walker. Last year, the event raised $1.3 million.

At the walk, the following will be provided to the walkers: hot chocolate, coffee, muffins, rest stops along the route with refreshments, a lunch at the finish line, an opportunity to receive prizes, first aid stations and special vehicles to help walkers reach the finish line.

For more information on the Niagara Falls walk, contact Belinda at (905) 358-6045. For other information, call Leona McKay at (905) 687-9123.

Watch your butt

By JENNIFER BACON
Staff Writer

Look before you light; the smoking police are watching.

Or are they?

The Tobacco Control Act was implemented by the province on Nov. 30, 1994. It restricts smoking at colleges and universities to specific areas. It also requires the college to post signs at all entrances indicating the building is smoke-free.

"The legislation . . . is tough medicine for a tough health problem," said Ontario's Health Minister Ruth Grier in a press release on Nov. 30.

Carol Boettcher, Niagara College's vice-president student life and human resources, said the college has practiced a non-smoking policy in campus buildings for the past four years. Boettcher said the only indoor smoking facility is in the After Hours pub.

Although the law does not apply to smoking outdoors, the college will be designating two entrances as smoke-free "to enable those who have smoke sensitivities" to access the college easily, said Carolyn Hurst, college nurse.

These entrances include the entrance ramp near the Health Centre as well as one other entrance in the Simcoe building.

Donna Basler, health promoter for the Niagara Health Department, said even with the implementation of this law, she received complaints on March 23 about smoking at the college that she intends to investigate.

Niagara Regional Police Sgt. Gerry Rodrigue said "very few people" in the region have been charged with smoking in restricted areas. "I can only think of one offense, in St. Catharines," said Rodrigue.

First-time offenders can be fined up to $1,000 for smoking in non-designated areas.

Ryan Barber, a first-year Journalism-Print student, lights up outside of the Simcoe building.
Photo by Shelley Parkes

TEACHER FEATURES

Niagara teacher has long and varied career

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

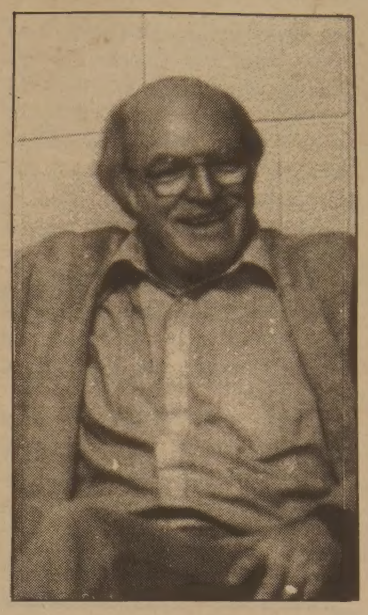
With retirement six years away, Mike Collins, 51, says he's been "very" fortunate to teach at Niagara College for the past 28 years.

Collins, an English professor, says he enjoys teaching all five English classes in programs like Law and Security Administration, General Arts and Science and Electronics Engineering. "I have roughly 150 students for English this term, and after nine weeks, I get along with about 140 of them.

"I enjoy teaching English. I have a chance to help prepare students for jobs, university, and perhaps over the years to be successful later in life."

Collins has been teaching at Niagara since 1967, first at the St. Catharines campus then in Welland. "In 1967, I returned from a six-month working tour in Europe. My mother told me about a friend who taught math and they needed a Grade 12 English teacher," he says.

Collins has lived in St. Catharines all his life. He attended Merritton High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in English at Carleton University in Ottawa.



MIKE COLLINS

In 1991, Collins was given a new challenge; a chance to teach municipal finance to first-year Journalism-Print program students. "Because I have been on city council I felt that I could give the municipal finance course a try. It's a challenge."

His political career began in 1974 after being involved in provincial and federal elections. He was elected to St. Catharines City Council, representing the Merritton Ward in south St. Catharines. He tried to prevent the Highway 406 from going through the valley in St. Catharines. He also tried to prevent the fruitlands from being "bulldozed."

". . . the next thing you know I was on city council at age 30," he says, adding he's been involved in municipal politics for the past 20 years where he claims he's had his "ups and downs."

He was elected as an alderman in 1974 and 1978. In 1982 Collins ran for Niagara Regional Council representing St. Catharines, serving until 1991. Earlier this year, he won the nomination as the provincial Liberal candidate representing St. Catharines-Brock. In December, however, he had to give it up. "I learned that if elected I had to resign from Niagara College. I decided that was too drastic after being here for 28 years."

Collins says in 1997 he would like to run for Niagara Regional council again. "It is a great honor to be a representative in the community . . . reporters still call and ask me my opinion on some issues."

Collins says one of the things he liked best was the support he received from the college in his participation in the community. "There are great people here at Niagara College. Nothing but support from John Saso and the college in my decision to run for MPP."

He says the faculty and support staff at the college are "wonderful."

"Some of the best people I have ever met work here . . . the men and women who work here are hard working, friendly people."

Collins says it was and is "great" to work with the presidents of Niagara such as Tony Manera, past president of Niagara College and recently resigned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) president, as well as John Saso. "He (Saso) is leading the college in an outstanding way. He's warm and intelligent and is wonderful person to lead the college."

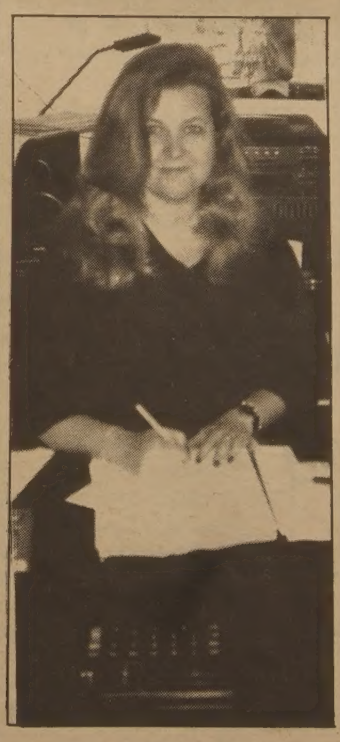
In his spare time, he says he enjoys watching birds in his backyard, walking along the beach and hiking in the gorge. Collins also enjoys dancing. He began to take lessons several years ago. "I thought dancing was standing in one spot swaying back and forth, but there is a lot more to it than that."

Collins says when the first of May comes he would like to work with the down-trodden and the "derelicts." "While I live a comfortable life others are living in cardboard boxes . . . there are groups in St. Catharines that help the less fortunate. I would like to help in a soup kitchen when I retire."

Collins' son and daughter attended Niagara College. His son, Steve, 28, graduated from the Stationary Engineering program in 1992. His daughter, Tracey, 24, will graduate this year from the Legal Assistant program.

"We should be fortunate for all that we have and appreciate everything," Collins says. "Life is a gift from God and we have to appreciate it."

Magazine owner teaches marketing



JENIFER CASS

By CHANTEL GUERTIN
Staff Writer

Niagara College marketing students are learning the tools of the trade from a working professional this semester.

Jenifer Cass, 36, owner and publisher of Pulse Niagara and Point Magazine, has been hired as a part-time teacher for the winter/spring term at the college. Cass is teaching salesmanship and sales administration to Business Administration-Marketing program students at the Welland campus.

Pulse Niagara, which has a distribution of 12,000 copies across the Niagara Region, is a free, bi-weekly enterntaiment magazine which has been in existence for eight years.

The paper was originally started as a parnertship with a graphic arts graduate from Fanshawe College in London, Ont., after Cass graduated from the Business Administration-Marketing program at Niagara College in 1985.

Cass said they started the paper because "It was a dream of myself and my best friend."

Point Magazine is a free monthly arts publication which has been in existence for just a year. Both magazines are run out of an office on Crysler Avenue in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Cass said she was approached by the college in January because it needed a teacher for this second-year course.

"The students are learning the practical applications of effective personal persuasion as it pertains to selling in a variety of applications," the course objectives state.

Cass said about 75 per cent of the class has "a good attitude." She said most of them want to learn what she has to teach them. Cass said she thinks the students are learning more from her because she is actually working in the field they want to enter. "I have the practical knowledge," she said.

Cass said she has already hired one of her students, Mark Garner, to sell advertisements for Pulse Niagara.

She said she hopes to take on another two of her students when they start their 10-month co-op placements at the end of April. There are 38 students in her class, which she teaches four hours a week. She said the size of the class is one of the challenges she is facing. Cass said there were only 17 students in her class when she was a student.

Also employed by Cass is Carolyn Heinze, 19, a graduate of Centennial High School in Welland. Heinze writes articles on bands for Pulse Niagara, as well as artist profiles and performance reviews for Point Magazine.

Heinze said she "has a lot more things to take care of" now that Cass is teaching. "I'm responsible for getting Jenifer's appointments and work organized so that when she comes in she can get everything done," said Heinze.

Cass said she plans to continue teaching at the college. She said, "It's a very rewarding job."

Ground breaking for new campus

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

This June Niagara College will break ground on a new $33.6-million campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"There is a tentative date in June to have the official ground breaking ceremony," says Niagara College President John Saso.

"About mid-June a few things will be happening," he says. "We will break ground, launch our capital campaign and introduce volunteers."

The new campus will house some programs that are currently held at the Welland campus. Business programs, health-related programs, horticulture and Ventures will be at the new campus, when it opens in September 1997.

The new campus is expected to enroll 1,400 to 1,700 students, says Saso, adding there are no big changes scheduled for the Welland campus in September 1995.

"The things we are watching with great interest are the provincial election and the federal budget. We're preparing for changes in funding," the Niagara College president says.

The new campus is 18,000-square-metres (about 200,000 square feet). The 20-hectare (50-acre) campus is within the Niagara-on-the-Lake boundaries, at the Glendale Avenue interchange at the QEW.

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STUDENT PROFILES

Invaluable skills learned in Social Worker program

'Skills taught are invaluable in everyday living.'

By PATRICIA MALLAIS
Staff Writer

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Superwoman. No, it's just a Niagara College mature student.

What happens when the Canadian dream of a good education, good job and then a family, somehow gets scrambled and it ends up being done all at once?

Such is the case for Cindy Taylor, 32, of Welland, who is one such superwoman.

Taylor, originally from Welland, has lived and worked in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario in advertising, marketing, business management and public relations work. She returned to Welland two years ago, with a new son and not much money. She enrolled in the Psychology and Child Studies program at Brock University, but after a year decided to transfer to Niagara College. She says she didn't have the luxury of time and money to complete her studies at Brock.

Besides trying to raise her 2 1/2-year-old son Mitch, being a sole-support parent, running a household and then a full-time student all before 8 a.m. things can get a little hectic.

Taylor, a first-year Social Service Worker program student at the college, says her day begins at 6 a.m. and doesn't end until midnight or later.

Taylor chose this program because of the many things she had experienced in her life since leaving home at 17, and felt that she could help and relate to teenagers by passing on what she's learned along the way.

Taylor says she has learned more than she bargained for in her program because it deals so much with self-awareness. "In order to help others you have to know how to help yourself." The skills taught are invaluable in everyday living, she says.

Asked if she ever felt like giving up, Taylor replies with a quick "how many times" and a chuckle but says that knowing this is exactly what she wants to do gives her the push to keep going. She says the guilt of time spent away from her son and the endless workload at school as well as at home are the biggest obstacles.

She says she knows she has no choice but to continue her schooling in order to provide for her and her son's future and to be a good role model.

Taylor said she hopes to attain a satisfying career when she graduates and to continue her education to include a Bachelor of Arts degree in this field.

Taylor says, being a mature student is sometimes better because she takes her schooling more seriously than some, but the college is not "geared" for mature students as far as any recreational activities or much else. She says her program doesn't take into account the demands of family life outside the college and sometimes feels penalized for being a mature student and having other obligations as well. "If I'm not in class, there's a damn good reason for it because I do want to be here."

Taylor says throughout everything, and all the sacrifices that have been made it's definitely worth it and the skills she has acquired will be used the rest of her life . . . with or without a job.

Student thinks twice about co-op

By SHELLEY PARKES
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student says she is thinking twice about her program as she enters her second co-op placement.

Michelle Lochhead, 18, from 174 Park St., Port Colborne, is in the Human Relations program. She has recently finished her first work experience at Port Colborne High School working with the mentally challenged students.

"I had to teach them academic and technical skills such as reading, writing, math and speaking," she said, adding she liked helping the students make food, but didn't enjoy going swimming with them.

Lochhead's second placement is at the career centre of the same high school. Since the end of March, she will be doing secretarial work such as answering telephones and filing papers.

Even though she said she enjoyed her first placement, Lochhead said she doesn't like the way the program is set up.

"My co-op is once a week for 10 weeks, but I would rather have it for a two-week out of school period," she said.

Besides the length of the placements, Lochhead said she doesn't think it's effective to complete two co-ops each year of the two-year program.

"I think it would be better to do one co-op which I would like, rather than four different ones I know I wouldn't like."

While at her first placement, Lochhead was offered a full-time job working at a home for the disabled in her town. Because she wants to finish school, she had to turn it down.

Not going to enter either of her placement fields, Lochhead wants to take the Child and Youth Worker program after completing Human Relations.

"I am more interested in working with and helping children now. I think it will be more self-rewarding," she said.

The classes Lochhead is taking have helped her communicate with her peers but working with the students has taught her to relate with people different from herself.

"At my co-op, I learned to communicate with others," she said. "Working with them was more challenging than working with people at the same level as me. It was difficult at first, but communication skills helped me become a better communicator."

Besides attending school Lochhead works at McDonald's in Port Colborne. She also plays soccer in the summer, hangs out with her friends, shops and dates.

"It is hard to fit everything in, but I don't work a lot so it's easier to find time for school and homework," she said.

Most of Lochhead's ambition to succeed is out of admiration for her mother and step-father, Bob.

"When I was younger I felt that my dad didn't want me. But my mother has always been there for me, and her and Bob have pushed me to get a job, finish school and go to college," said Lochhead.

ECE pays off

By DAVID JOHNSTONE
Staff Writer

Melanie Watson can now breath a sigh of relief.

The 19-year-old Early Childhood Education (ECE) program student has been working hard at her first year in the course, and it looks like it is finally going to have a payoff.

"When I first took the course, I was really nervous about some of the classes. Now, I can look at it as a learning experience that will give me a good chance at a real job in the work environment."

Watson says she has been confident that her knowledge in the ECE will help find a suitable employment situation after she graduates from second year.

"The children are incredible here. I never would have thought that kids could be so intellectual in their thought processes, but they've shown me a lot about myself and how to deal with tough situations...they know no bounds."

Watson sees her education continuing after she graduates from Niagara College. She says she is unsure of where she will go and when she will do it, but she is ready to take on a challenge. Until that time, she says she plans to continue next year at the college.

"Niagara is a great school to be at. The atmosphere here is very laid back. It makes for a great learning experience. That's what I came here for."

Happy Easter from the staff at the Niagara News

Student seeks job helping juvenile delinquents

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student says her program offers many benefits.

Sandy Cherney, 19, of Windsor, a first-year Human Relations program student at Niagara College in Welland, says the two-year program starts in January.

She says she took the course because she wasn't sure what she wanted for a career. Cherney says she wants to work with juvenile delinquents at a correctional facility.

Human Relations offers many different kinds of subjects. "All these courses can cause confusion, but I love psychology the best. These courses are offered to help you decide your career."

Cherney goes on co-op once a week on Fridays working with children in Grades 3 and 4 at St. Augustine Elementary School in Welland. She works with children who have problems in school. "My career will surround kids with severe problems in life."

Cherney works weekends at Canadian Tire Acceptance Ltd. in Welland as a data entry clerk.

When college is done, she says she plans to marry her boyfriend of five years. Her boyfriend was on strike at the Windsor Casino.

Cherney says she doesn't like the College Success course at the college. Her classmates tried to have the course dropped from the program. The communication and problem-solving class had College Success become an elective. They also had a signed petition that was passed throughout the school.

"If I had lots of money I would be majoring in psychology at a university."

Cherney says she was previously in the Office Administration program at Niagara College. She says she found the course not to be what she wanted.

She says she has no time to do anything because she's constantly doing homework. "There's too many assignments that have to deal with a lot of writing."

The students of the Human Relations course are planning a trip to Ottawa to the Parliament Buildings for their economics class. It's a three-day trip for fund-raising which the students planned. "It's up in the air at the moment," she says.

Cherney says she paid for her education by working at the Windsor Casino during the summer holidays. She bought most of her books used. "The books at the bookstore were too high-priced." She says she works harder for her marks because she paid for her own education.

"This is the first thing I've been proud that I've done. I'm glad I did it myself."

No new sign of Boc in five weeks

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

It has been more than five weeks and still no new sign of Rob Boc.

Boc, 20, a first-year Law and Security Administration program student at Niagara College, disappeared Feb. 24 around 3 a.m. He was last seen leaving the Trappers Sports Bar on King Street in Welland.

This past Tuesday 10 Niagara Regional Police Services officers walked the shore along the Welland River from Aquaduct to Port Robinson but the search brought no results.

"He disappeared into thin air, he didn't say goodbye," said Loretta Marion, 59, Boc's grandmother.

"You try not to think of the bad things that could have happened like with the [Kristen] French girl, I'm just praying," said Marion.

Marion says Robbie would contact her if he could for he is dedicated to his family.

"The search for him was done a long time ago, in hospitals, taxis, wooded areas and everywhere, but no sign of him was found," Det. Augostn, of the Welland division NRP, said.

Augostn said there have been a few false sightings but no new clues. He said no foul play is suspected in Boc's disappearance.

"I walk down the street and you all look the same, the baseball caps and jackets and I think anyone of you could be Robbie," said Marion.

"He didn't hurt anyone, he's not a bad person, he's 20 and just like everyone else," said Marion.

"All seven of my children are looking for him and his friends from school," said Marion. "His friends at the college have been wonderful with the posters and helping with the search.

"He escorted me to my bowling banquet last year and we danced together and he had a good time, he stayed when he could've just left," said Marion. "Robbie would never have put me through this on purpose.

"Call home Robbie. Let us know where you are. You know we all love you," said Marion. "I just want him home."

Anyone with information can contact Boc's family at 735-3899 or NRP, Welland division at 688-4111, ext. 3300.

Easier research in LRC

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

Help is on the way for Niagara College students attending the Welland campus.

Doing research in the Library Resource Centre (LRC) will become easier with the installation of a new multi-media encyclopedia available for September 1995.

"Marti Jurmain, Niagara College's director of access, was able to obtain a special source of funding for the project," said Trish Labonte, head librarian.

"We hope this service will be helpful to all of our students.

"We have been working closely with the Management Information Service (MIS) department dealing with computers. They were helpful in establishing the specifications needed," she said.

'...system will leave the students wanting more.'

The multi-media encyclopedia will be connected to a CD tower, as well to the compact disc (CD Reading Only Memory ROM) computer. This allows students to have access to any of the eight CD-ROM computers.

"The system just came in yesterday, and we are deciding where it will go," said Labonte. "We will put in the office area where it will be tested over the summer."

She said it will be on the library floor, on the same floor as the reference desk available free of charge for students.

The library is purchasing a multi-media encyclopedia of "North American Indians" to support Jurmain's Aboriginal programs and a general encyclopedia called Encarta.

"Over the summer, we would like to see if there would be a way we can connect this computer to one we already have, so the CD box can be available simultaneously," she said.

"Information gathering is hard work and we set goals to enhance this process. Students will have more time to do an analysis," said Labonte.

"We hope this system will leave the students wanting more."

Welland Canal opens at Lock 3

By STACEY SMITH
Staff Writer

Many supporters turned out at the Lock Three Complex in St. Catharines to watch the opening of the Welland Canal on March 24.

The M.V. Canadian Olympic had the honor of being the first upbound vessel through the canal this year.

The ship's captain, Austin Peckford, of Newfoundland, was presented with the traditional top hat. The ship was loaded with 26,000 tons of furnace flux from Dofasco in Hamilton and was on its way to Great Lakes Steel in Detroit, Mich.

"We are starting 1995 with a feeling of optimism. Early projections by our shipping company partners indicate a strong start-up by our fleet," said Camille Trepanier, vice-president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

Trepanier said for the shipping industry to remain competitive the Seaway tolls have been frozen at 1993 rates. As well, the Seaway's projected $10-million profit from last year will be invested in maintenance programs and to implement future programs.

"The Welland Canal accounts for over 2,000 jobs in Niagara that are directly related to the shipping industry," said Harley Smith, a spokesman for the Seaway.

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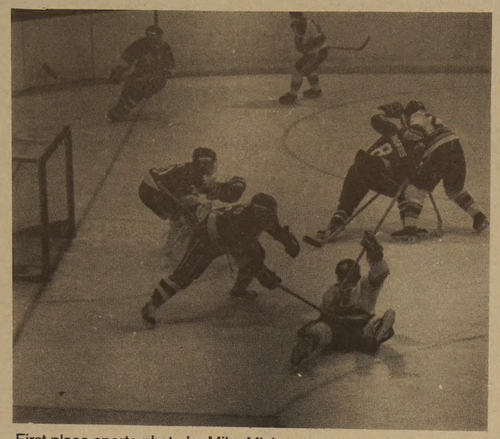

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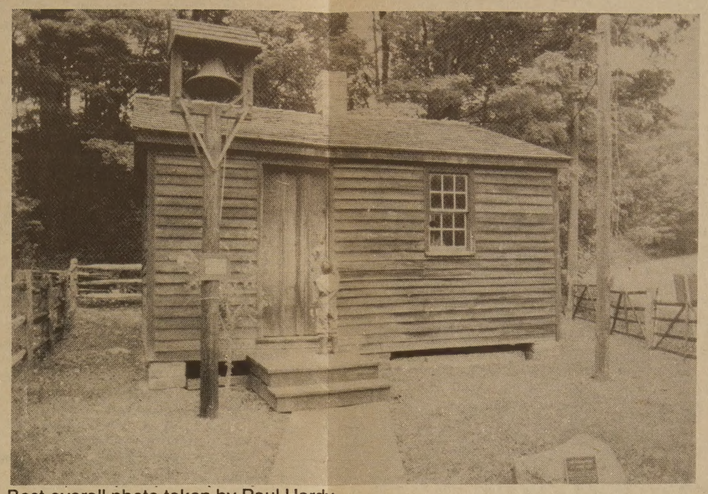

Best overall photo taken by Paul Hardy

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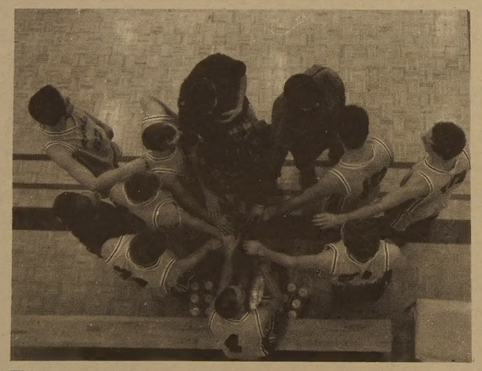
Second place sports photo by Craig Morrison.

First place news photo by Gordon Hill.

Second place news photo by Michael Greves.

Second place human interest photo by Bryan Bernat.



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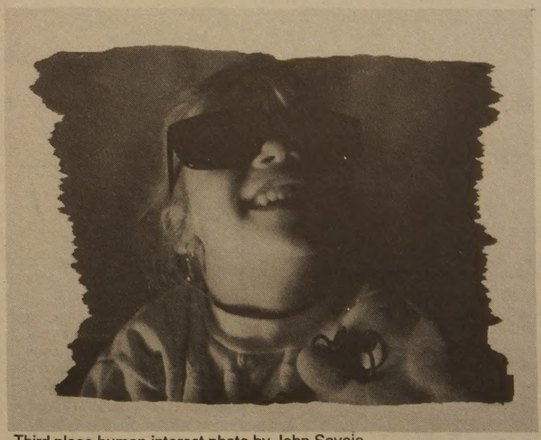
Third place news photo by Willy Noiles.



Third place human interest photo by John Savoie.

The winners of the second annual Journalism-Print program "Best of Year 2" photography competition were recently selected by members of the Journalism-Print advisory committee. The committee included Jim Middleton, a former managing editor of the Welland Tribune, Richard Douglas, a reporter and Fort Erie bureau chief of the Niagara Falls Review, Karin Audet, a former reporter at the Fort Erie Times-Review, and now an advertising representative with the Niagara Falls Review, Fort Erie bureau, Paul Dayboll, owner/operator of CanTrack Software Inc. of Port Colborne, a Macintosh computer technical support adviser, and Larry Taylor, Niagara College's media and design division director. Faculty did not participate in the selection. Douglas and Audet are graduates of this program.

Prizes for the Niagara News photography contest were contributed by Ilford, Kodak, Bell Arte Camera, Burlington Camera, MCL Colour Lab, Colourtron Photo, and Niagara College.

In addition to the first-, second- and third-place finishers, honorable mention goes to Christine Rawcliffe and Frank Serra in the Sports category, Allan Shields and Dawn Swayze in the Human Interest category, and Gordana Pirker and Allan Shields in the News category.

MOVIE MOVIE MOVIE

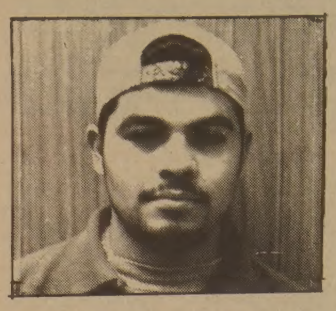
Forrest Gump runs away with Oscar

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Sometimes "life is like a box of chocolates," but this time you did know what you were going to get.

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences did what it does best: give out "sentimental" awards, recognize all the favorites (for one reason or the other), follow its monotonous style of presentation, and fail to recognize those who deserved to be.

As expected, the movie **Forrest Gump** walked away with the gold for Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Director. Tom Hanks was given a well-deserved Oscar for his performance in **Forrest Gump**, and



now he is the second actor to take back-to-back Oscars since Spencer Tracy did in 1937 and 1938.

Robert Zemeckis was awarded for Best Director, even though Quentin Tarantino would have been a much better choice for his masterpiece **Pulp Fiction**. Tarantino had to be content with getting the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.

For Best Picture, **Forrest Gump's** only competition was Tarantino's **Pulp Fiction**, but this film turned out to be too violent for the older voting members of the Academy. Don't get me wrong, Gump deserved the awards it got.

Jessica Lange took home the award for Best Actress thanks to a film she made five years ago. Jodie Foster had my vote (and I'm pretty sure, everyone else's), but she already had won two and that worked against her. Winona Ryder proved to be too young, with many years ahead of her to try again. The other two nominees were simply not American enough.

Time for the "sentimental" award. Samuel L. Jackson gave an incredible performance as John Travolta's partner in crime in **Pulp Fiction** (he should have been nominated for Best Actor).

But everyone was betting on Martin Landau's portrayal of an aging Bela Lugosi in the film **Ed Wood**. Hey! If Jack Palance got one for **City Slickers**, why not Landau? And he did.

Dianne Wiest was given the Oscar for her supporting role in Woody Allen's **Bullets Over Broadway**. Last time she won was in 1986 for another supporting role in Allen's **Hannah and Her Sisters**. Makes me wonder why the academy did not give the award to someone who did not have one, like Uma Thurman.

The 67th Academy Awards were as predictable as always. The only surprising events were David Letterman's jokes and Jamie Lee Curtis' spoof of her helicopter ride from the movie **True Lies**.

The theme of the night was "Comedy in the Movies" and it was supposed to be a tribute to comedy over the years. But from the opening song (A Tribute to Comedy), to the movie-clips shown during the show, the only real comic entertainment came from Letterman's jokes. In the end, Letterman seemed uncomfortable and not even he could salvage the evening.

Bye Bye, Love makes movie goer angry

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

The other night I made the effort to go see **Bye Bye, Love**. It seems that my effort was somewhat wasted.

After paying $6 to get in, another $5 for a small pop and popcorn, I was not in a mood for laughing.

Bye Bye, Love is a comedy starring Matthew Modine, Randy Quaid and Paul Reiser.

Three divorced fathers, who have been friends for years, get custody of their children every weekend. They pick them up on neutral ground (the local McDonald's) and discover what it is like to be a father in the 1990s.

Dave (Modine) has two young children, a beautiful girlfriend and a problem with commitment.

Donny (Reiser) has a teenaged daughter, with whom he can't seem to communicate. He is also having trouble dealing with the fact that he and his remarried ex-wife are not getting back together.

Vic (Quaid), the father of three, has a pessimistic view on dating, which probably explains why he's only had three dates in the past year (one of which was his cousin).

Rob Reiner co-stars as Dr. Townsend, an annoying, pompous psychiatrist on a call-in radio show called Divorce in the '90s.

The laughs are well spaced and at times the movie takes on a serious tone.

But if you want my opinion, wait until the movie comes out on video where you can save yourself a couple bucks and you don't have to worry about sneaking candy in.

Randy Quaid (at left) is Vic, *Paul Reiser* is Donny and *Mathew Modine* is Dave in Bye Bye, Love.
Photo contributed

Sure laugh with Tommy Boy in great slapstick comedy

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

Chris Farley is Tommy Boy, a furniture breaking, paint-chip eating young adult incapable of an intelligent thought. Dave Spade plays Richard, the witty part of the equation.

Despite the fact that the story line is non-existent; lacking in originality and the humor is unsophisticated, the movie works. A merit of any comedy is humor content, and this movie has plenty of it.

The movie begins with Tommy Boy finishing off his seven-year stint at college; and no, he is not working on his doctorial certificate. When Tommy Sr. (Brian Dennehy) dies during his wedding celebrations, Tommy Boy is forced into saving the family business and its name by selling the Callahan products.

He and Richard embark on trip to save the company. The problem is Tommy lacks business savvy to adequately fill the void left by his dad. Rob Lowe, a victim of typecasting, portrays the unscrupulous felon who attempts to sell out the Callahan name to its biggest competitor. The rival company is run by a former member of Saturday Night Live — Dan Akroyd. Bo Derek makes a cameo appearance.

It would be easy to put a guarantee label on this film, but the fact remains; you're either a fan of farcical comedies or you're not. Tommy Boy is released by Paramount Pictures and is rated PG.

Outbreak sweeps into theatres

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Take *Rain Man*, a beautiful bombshell from *Lethal Weapon 3*, and two seasoned actors and you have a recipe for success.

Col. Sam Daniels, M.D. (Dustin Hoffman) is an unlikely hero in a battle against a super virus which could wipe out the population of the United States in days.

This tale goes back to the cover-up of a potential killer biological weapon 20 years earlier when General Ford (Morgan Freeman) and General McClintock (Donald Sutherland) discover the virus and keep it a secret.

The virus does appear again, but this time it comes to the U.S. after a failed attempt to wipe it out. Daniels reports the potential for an **Outbreak**, but Ford attempts to coverup his mistake from the past.

The story then goes to Cedar Creek, Calif., where the virus has begun its reign of terror. Daniels arrives, along with the help of his ex-wife, Dr. Roberta Keough (Rene Russo), to try to save the town but fails.

Ford steps in by stealing the antidote for the virus, but it doesn't work because the virus has mutated. Gen. McClintock then orders the town to be destroyed and Daniels finds himself a wanted man to keep the cover-up intact.

Daniels' ex-wife gets infected and he finds himself in a race against time to save the town and his ex-wife.

Outbreak is a wonderful movie that does make a voice in the back of your head say, "stay away from that guy coughing and don't touch anyone."

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Junos are 'intimate affair' for the public

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

For the second time in the 24-year history of the Junos, the awards ceremony was held outside Toronto. And for the first time in its history, the ceremony was open to more than 6,500 fans. Now there is something new.

On March 26, the Junos were held at Hamilton's beautiful Copps Coliseum, with an audience of more than 6,500 and 3,000 "industry types." It was about time this "intimate affair" was opened to the public.

The attending crowd was treated to performances by Celine Dion, Crash Test Dummies, Sarah McLachlan, Colin James, The Barenaked Ladies, Moist, Charlie Major, Prairie Oyster, Bass is Base and Quartette. Tickets were sold for $20 and $25 apiece, but scalpers were getting up to $50 per ticket.

The hosts for the show were the cast of CBC's This Hour Has 22 Minutes. They were absolutely incredible. They opened the show with a song-and-dance about hockey, jokes were cracked in between presentations, Greg Thorney went backstage getting himself in trouble, and Mary Walsh wandered around the crowd joining in the fun with Dion, Major, Roch Voisine, and others in the audience.

The performances by the artist were all great. They surely made it worth the $30 people paid, or the 2 1/2-hours viewers spent in front of the tube.

Jann Arden was the big winner of the evening as she took three Junos home, followed close behind by Dion and the Tragically Hip with two Junos each.

All the winners were deserving enough, but how come the Test Dummies are now zero for six, three times at this year's Junos and three times at the Grammys?

McLachlan also went home empty-handed, maybe the accusations of her stealing lyrics from a former band member affected the voting.

Neil Young finally got another Juno, this time for Male Vocalist of the Year. Young now has three Junos in his 25-year career, and one of them was a Hall of Fame award. Could someone tell me what's wrong with this picture?

In the end, favorites had won, some went unrecognized, some got their recognition they deserved, but the night belonged to the cast of This Hour Has 22 Minutes — which did the job it was supposed to.

The biggest winners of the night were the fans, who were treated to great live entertainment.

Killjoys on busy track to bright future

By JEFF MACKAY
Staff Writer

The Killjoys played at Front 54 in Thorold to an all-ages crowd of about 150 people on March 24.

The three-piece Hamilton band consists of Shelley Woods on bass, Gene Champagne on drums, and Mike Trebilcock on guitar and vocals.

The band gained its popularity by playing many shows in southern Ontario. The release of their independent album *Starry* established a strong fan base.

The Killjoys entered their song *"Dana"* in CFNY's "New Music Search," which received repeated airplay. The band was one of the finalists out of 650 bands.

The video for the song *"Today I Hate Everyone"* was released on MuchMusic and gave the band a chance to be exposed to the video medium.

The Killjoys headlined the sidestage at the Nine Inch Nails /Soundgarden show at Molson Park in August 1994, giving them more exposure.

November 1994 brought a world-wide record deal with Warner Music Canada, which released *Starry* across the nation. The band is now touring to support *Starry* with the release of it on Warner Records. The band is returning to Front 54 later in April to play another show.

"We like to be kept busy and being on a major label lets us do that," says Woods. "We are a lot more busy than we were on our independent label."

Woods describes the band's music as the "Beatles from Seattle." He says that Trebilcock writes the music and it becomes a group effort once he has the song started. Trebilcock's main influences are Black Flag, the Replacements, and Husker Du.

Woods says their music is "sort of punky with some pop mixed in."

The crowd at Front 54 was enthusiastic toward the band and the band seemed to thrive as the reception got greater toward the end of the night. The band even proceeded to invite a few of their fans onstage for a small pit for the final two songs of their set.

The show was opened by Toronto band Rusty, which is also getting repeated airplay on CFNY and MuchMusic.

Rusty opens for Killjoys at Front 54 in Thorold on March 24.
Photo by John Roussel

Unique Glueleg stirs crowd

By CHANTEL GUERTIN
Staff Writer

After hearing the hype for months from every alternative friend I have, I decided that March 30 would have to be the day I experienced it. Glueleg at Gord's.

9:45 p.m.

I grabbed a notebook, pen, camera, and friend, and arrived at the downtown St. Catharines club just as the opening band was starting to play. I grilled the bouncer, soundman, and even a few of the "glueleggers," but no one "had a clue" as to who the band was. The unknown band, who was supposedly from Boston, consisted of two guitarists, a bass player, drummer, and two guys who interchangeably displayed their talents on tambourine, bongo, and cowbell. Five out of the six members crooned to each jazz-influenced song.

When they finished playing, I sought out one of the tambourine men who told me the band's name was Samanthabadra and that they were from Welland. OK, that's pretty close to Boston.

10:15 p.m.

I realized I didn't have any batteries for the flash in my camera, so I left the club to find out the meaning of the word "convenience" in downtown St. Catharines. True to the meaning of the word, there are many easily-accessible convenience stores. However, I had to walk to five of them before I found one that was open.

11:20 p.m.

I returned to Gord's, camera-ready, to find Glueleg just about ready to go onstage. The club was housing just over 200 fans, and all eyes seemed to be glued to the Toronto band. Glueleg (Carlos Alonso, Chapman Stick/vocals; Ruben Huizenga, guitar/vocals; Bob Mackowycz, trumpet/vocals; Christian Simpson, drums/percussion; Andy Wyse, saxophone/vocals) had a constant flow of energy that had the majority of the crowd on their feet for the entire 45-minute set. With the exception of a quality rendition of Gary Newman's "Cars", each of Glueleg's songs was unique and original. The band saved the title

track and first single from their full-length indie release, HEROIC DOSES, for the encore.

Glueleg's distinctive blend of progressive and classic rock has earned them airplay on several alternative radio stations, regular rotation on MuchMusic, several offers from record companies, and touring dates with signed bands.

12:47 p.m.

I left the club glad that I had experienced a Glueleg show. If you weren't there, don't worry, because they'll be back, with even more eyes glued to them next time.

'Music illustrates life'

For college students

By MARK FERENCE
Staff Writer

Pearl Jam, Mellisa Ethridge, The Stone Roses, The Misfits, Clint Black and The Catharine Wheel. What could all these bands possibly have in common?

Their fans. Many go to Niagara College.

Music is an important part of our lives. Students here from another city or province said one thing they missed most about leaving home was leaving their favorite radio station.

Niagara is home to many different cultures and age groups. Many people agree, no matter what they like and dislike, music is the opium for the ages.

"I absolutely could not live without music, it relaxes you when you're stressed and it cheers you up if you're having a bad day," said Sheila Klager, 20, a student in the art program.

Music seems to create little clusters or groups of people. Those into hardcore trash seem to hang out here and the soft hearted listeners stick together there.

"Music is a direct reflection of life," said Mike Taylor, 19, a student in the Electronic-Electrical Engineering program. "It's so real."

Students at the school not only listen to their radio and compact discs, some create their own music.

Derek Vanderlilly, 21, who is taking computer courses, has his own ban called, Green Hell, a misfit cover band. They have a few originals as well.

"To me music is like knowledge," said Vanderlilly. "You should listen to all sorts of different forms of music, broaden your horizons. One minute I'll be listening to Morrissey, the next minute I'll be blasting some really atmospheric Samhain."

"Music illustrates life. To many people, the clothes they choose to wear reflects the mood or attitude of the music they listen to," said Tim Giesbrecht, 20, with the purple hair in the Electronic-Electrical Engineering program.

SPORTS

Niagara's hockey future in jeopardy

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

The future of the Niagara Knights men's varsity hockey team remains in limbo.

An official decision has been put off until later in April while discussions between team representatives and the college administration continue.

Carol Boettcher, the college administration vice-president of student life, who earlier said a decision would be made by the end of March, estimates team expenses between $25,000 to $40,000 annually, including travel.

She said the decision will be based on the availability of funds and the institution's priority to "maximize the number of activities for the greatest number of students."

Last year's cancellation was based on money.

"It is the most expensive sport we have," said Boettcher. "In order to make room for some other sports, we felt that it would be a good idea to discontinue our hockey program because of the cost of it. We want to get into some other sports. We wanted to get a better balance of men's and women's sports, and hockey in Ontario colleges is declining."

Boettcher said no final decision will be made until every aspect of the situation is considered. To her knowledge, the team has not been able to raise funds on its own, which they promised to do when they were given a reprieve last year.

When the college cut the program last May, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) posted a "one time" $25,000 guarantee to keep the team alive. Former SAC president Jason Graham said the team agreed to engage in a series of fundraising events, keeping SAC abreast of their progress.

"They were supposed to give us some sort of report on how they were doing but we've gotten nothing through the year," said Graham. "If they have the money, fantastic, but it is my understanding that they do not have the money."

Graham added that if the team were to come forward with even half the amount it would take to operate for a season, the council would be "much more open to discussion."

While personally in favor of seeing the team continuing, Graham questions what would happen if it were put to a general vote. He agrees with Boettcher's assessment that the hockey program takes a large amount of money for "a small percentage of the population."

"It's a tough call," said Graham. "You always want to maintain that Niagara College tradition but we made our act of good faith and we're still waiting for theirs to come through. I'd love to see the team do well but when it comes to number crunching, there comes a point where the line must be drawn."

Knights' coach Jim Beattie argues that any successful team would require a similar sum of money each season. He said that the estimated cost factors in a full-season, plus a play-off run - something the team accomplishes consistently.

There is strong support for the team at all the college's campuses. Last year that support manifested itself when supporters managed, in a three-day period, to get more than 600 names on a petition. This year one of the hockey players, Lyndon Johnston, was voted onto SAC as vice-president athletics.

College athletic director Peter Rylander had hoped for a decision by the end of March, so he would have more information for team sponsors and advisers when he met with them this past week.

Fred Bassi, the team's longtime former coach, said that meetings have been productive and he is optimistic.

"My personal gut feeling, now I could be way off, it could be a positive thing for next year, that we could have a hockey team," said Bassi.

Sports scourge

By BRIAN BOWMAN
Staff Writer

Who's next?

How soon will the public be faced with yet another tearful disclosure from an athlete who has been diagnosed with the HIV virus or full blown AIDS?

Athletes have been long placed on a pedestal of superiority and dominance over the general public, a public that idiolizes players according to their performance on the playing field.

When an athlete discloses that he has a disease that so vehemently stigmitizes its victims and their families, a most traumatic experience occurs for both the athlete and his followers. Fans can no longer take their hero's indestructibility for granted.

Our eyes must be opened to the thought "If a Magic Johnson or Greg Louganis can be infected then so can I."

The athlete is transformed from an athletic superstar into an AIDS sufferer who will probably be destroyed by the very disease that is most commonly referred to as the 20th-century plague.

Many athletes' bedroom history is not just of sexual activity but of promiscuity.

Wilt Chamberlain confessed that he has had sex with over 20,000 women since the age of 15, Magic Johnson boasted of having six women in one night.

One can only fantasize about the sexual activities that many of these athletes enjoy, but one can only grow tiresome of the seemingly endless list of athletes who have recently approached the public through a teary confession that they have acquired AIDS.

I'm sorry guys but if I have to wear a condom, I think you guys can too.

'Hockey sacred' say supporters

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Hockey fans are disappointed over the possible axing of the Niagara College Knights men's hockey team.

The debate to end hockey, carried over from last year, centres around economics.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) asked the team, which costs about $40,000 a year, to help with expenses through fundraising. Although some money was raised, no report of it was given to SAC.

Varsity sports are funded by a $130 SAC activity fee each student pays annually.

The 26-year-old Knights' hockey team won a silver medal last year in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) and placed fourth in this year's championship.

Dave Crane, 21, of St. Catharines, a second-year Journalism-Print program student and captain of the hockey team, says the team had a "great" turn out. Seventy players tried out for the team while only 20 were needed.

Crane says the men's basketball team budget is $22,000 for 12 players while the $40,000 hockey budget must accommodate 20 men and ice time for games and practices.

Lyndon Johnston, 21, a second-year Mechanical Engineering Technology program student and newly-elected SAC vice-president athletics, says, "we keep costs to a minimum." It is not fair for the hockey team to do fundraising when no other team has to, he says.

"The costs are reasonable for an expensive sport," Johnston says.

In repeating last year's opposition, Johnston says he would make sure a petition is circulated to students. A petition with 500 names would force SAC to reconsider.

"I hope the program sticks around, but if it costs $40,000 they have to look for some outside funding," says Chris Ivanich, 23, of Port Colborne, a second-year Broadcasting Radio Television Film (BRTF) program student.

Jason Stock, 21, of Welland, a third-year Electronics Technician program student, says the $130 SAC activity fee benefits those who play sports.

"It's one less sport the college has to go for and it's a major sport. We're saying forget about Niagara," Stock says.

"I'd be upset, it's my favorite sport," says Mark Dellavalle, 21, of Welland, a second-year BRTF program student. He says being a broadcasting student and aspiring to be a hockey commentator, it gives him experience when covering the college games.

"I could care less," says Edith Ediger, 21, a Nursing program student at the Mack Centre of Nursing in St. Catharines.

"At our campus we don't hear anything about sports. For all we know sports don't exist," she says.

Brett Matte, 19, a first-year BRTF program student, says, "you can't take hockey away — it's sacred."

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CRNC TOP 40

1. Murder Incorporated	Bruce Springsteen	21. Hot for You	Pearl Jam
2. I Got A Line on You	Jeff Healey	22. End of the World	The Waltors
3. Gel	Collective S	23. Big Brown Turtle	Junkhouse
4. Nautical Disaster	Tragically Hip	24. Thank You	Plant & Page
5. Truth Untold	The Odds	25. Don'tTell Me	Van Halen
6. She's A River	Simple Minds	26. Bang and Blame	R.E. M.
7. Unsound	Headstones	27. Bridge	Queensryche
8. Lightning Crashes	Live	28. Ugly	Sass Jordan
9. Love Spreads	Stone Roses	29. A Murder of One	Counting Crowes
10. Lusitana	The Watchmen	30. You Got It	Bonnie Raitt
11. Better Man	Pearl Jam	31. Man Who Sold the World	Nirvana
12. Pretty Penny	Stone Temple Pilots	32. Strong Enough	Sheryl Crow
13. When I Came Around	Green Day	33. Sparks Will Fly	Rolling Stones
14. Ballad of Peter Pumpkinhead	Crash Test Dummies	34. Unglued	Stone Temple Pilots
15. Supersatellite	Our Lady Peace	35. I Alone	Live
16. Fly from Heaven Sprocket	Toad the Wet	36. In Your Time	Bob Seger
17. Today I Hate Everyone	The Killjoys	37. Ode To My Family	TheCranberries
18. Corduory	Pearl Jam	38. Fire In the Hole	Tragically Hip
19. The U.S. of Ache	Kim Mitchell	39. Not for You	Pearl Jam
20. Live Forever	Oasis	40.Buddy Holly	Weezer

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THURSDAYS AT 9 A.M.

The envelope please, and the winners are..

Pictured are the Niagara College men's and women's basketball teams of 1994-95. Included are both the Freshmen Athletes of the Year.

Photo by Jennifer Dickens

By JENNIFER DICKENS
Staff Writer

There was an excellent turnout at this year's athletic banquet held at After Hours on March 28.

Here are a list of the winners.

LETTER WINNERS:

Al Churuk, Susanne Mulkins and Jeff Reid for curling, coached by Brian Nagy.

Jennifer Ford for women's volleyball, coached by John Kwiathowswi.

Brian Dunn for men's volleyball coached by Ray Sarkis.

Dave Boulton, Dave Crane, Mike Matier, Alain Belanger for men's ice hockey, coached by Jim Beattie.

Shelley Doncaster for women's basketball, coached by Todd Stevens.

COACH OF THE YEAR:

Todd Stevens — for women's basketball.

ATHLETES OF DISTINCTION:

Greg Heyder — men's volleyball

Jennifer MacMillan — women's volleyball

Laurie Shipp — women's volleyball

Shelley Doncaster — women's basketball

Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards:

Dave Crane — men's ice hockey

Blair Cudmore — men's volleyball

Keara Kalckreath — women's volleyball

Frank Keltos — men's basketball

Shelley Doncaster — women's basketball

FRESHMEN ATHLETES:

Diana Dipietro — women's basketball

Mike Hurley — men's basketball

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:

Cindy Emery — badminton

Blair Cudmore — men's volleyball

"From the city and council, we congratulate your acheivements this year, the past years, and the years to come," Welland Mayor Dick Reuter told the group.

"We thank all the coaches along with you, the players, for making this a successful year," said Peter Rylander, the college's co-ordinator of athletics. "Even if we didn't bring home all gold medals or provincial titles, it's been a good year. Thank you all."

Smiles came from this year's Freshmen Athletes of the Year, Diana Dipietro and Mike Hurley of the basketball teams.

Photo by Jennifer Dickens

The boys are back in town

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

After 7 1/2 months, the boys of summer are back, WOW?

The word came in on Sunday that the strike was over and there wouldn't be a lockout of the players by the owners.

What made this long battle finally end was economics. After the doom of no World Series last year and the fall of the 'American' sport, the fans were beginning to lose their faith.

Add on poor attendance at spring training games, and the owners saw that to draw fans to watch the replacement players would be almost impossible. The owners couldn't afford to field replacment players and the so-called real players couldn't afford to sit out.

I remember watching the St. Catharines farm team play last September and as I watched I saw the real players. The young and hopeful filled with dreams of playing in the majors.

I feel sorry for those replacement players because, they along with the young minor leaguers, are the ones who deserved to play at the SkyDome.

Sometimes the love of the game should be more important than money and salary caps.

I don't plan on attending any Toronto Blue Jay games and I hope the rest of you true fans don't go running back. Send a message to those money greedy players and turn your attention to the local minor league teams like the St. Catharines Stompers.

I'll bet that you'll see a better and more entertaining game there than in Toronto. Watch a young player who really knows what the game of baseball is, and you can watch your dreams of playing in the majors come to life again in his eyes.

Will the circle completely crumble?

By JENNIFER DICKENS
Staff Writer

Treating every person as an individual will make a team successful. Commitment, participation, and seriousness are also important factors when making up a team roster. Funding, in some people's eyes, is no longer an issue for success.

Media/liaison officer Randy Conlon has been coaching basketball outside of Niagara College for six years. This was his first year coaching men's basketball at the varsity level.

Recruiting is a big part in making a team successful, Conlon says. "It's really hard to have walk-ons make the team."

About 50 players came out to join the team. "There was a lot of talent but only three guys that weren't recruited made it."

A main complaint by Conlon, Ray Sarkis, varsity and recreation assistant, and Steve Celestini, women's and men's indoor soccer coach, is there is not enough gym time to train the teams properly. The coaches say they do the best with what they have.

There is one gym for seven teams. In two years, there will be a new gym at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus so more time will be given to each team.

"Hopefully the new gym will bring support from both the staff and the students," said Sarkis, the men's volleyball coach. "We don't have a lot of practice time but do well considering."

Tournaments are a good way to get the extra practice not given in regular season play.

"Tournaments are good for the players, but season play is the only thing that counts when it comes to standings," Celestini said, adding a regular season schedule would provide a higher success rate. There are two tournaments before the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Regional Championship Tournament.

The poor success rate, Celestini says, is because of a lack of financial support. Sarkis disputes this statement saying there is equal support for all varsity teams. It may seem one team gets more than another but when it comes down to it "nobody gets shafted or mistreated," he says.

If everybody works together: SAC, the athletic department, the coaches and the players there will be and can be a large success rate in the athletic porgram.

Niagara College could be a known school if everybody involved would work together, said Joe Nezic, 21, of Hamilton.

He is a second-year Computer Technology program student who plays on the men's indoor soccer team. "It's not the department, necessarily, it's the lack of support throughout all involved in the circle of sports."

"The only time anyone supports a team is if they are going somewhere — like the nationals," said Nezic.

"I mean there was only support coming from the girls indoor team when we went to the regional tournament on March 11. I guess regionals isn't good enough for outside support."

Opportunities great for young adults

Investors should assess risk

By BEN FISHER
Staff Writer

The key to investing money is like surfing; you need to know when to catch the wave.

People in their 20s have numerous investment options. With more than 1,000 mutual funds available, and countless other capital-generating plans, one tends to wonder what "beach to surf".

Paul Stewart, a chartered financial consultant located in Windsor, says the wisest decision a young person can make is to buy a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) and forget about it until retirement.

For some this may be a difficult task. However, an RRSP offers an immediate tax shelter for income, and if left untouched, will grow to a substantial amount.

"You have to set priorities and know what you want to save for," says Stewart. After defining your goals, "you can tailor a plan to suit your needs."

Dan Fortier, of 83 Colbeck Dr., in Welland, says about two per cent of the population actually play the stock market. Of this number about 90 per cent fail.

Because of this, Fortier says investors need to assess themselves as investors and decide how much risk you can assume. He says things are much more complex now and people should seek the advice of a professional.

Fortier has been an insurance and financial adviser for 13 years. He is a member of Niagara College's Business Marketing program advisory board.

Fortier says today's investment opportunities have tremendous diversification options. "The problem lies with competition. Everyone is competing for their market share and coming out with new products."

Fortier says a young adult's wisest investment choice would be the purchase of a mutual fund or segregated fund. These funds offer an investor a higher rate of return than traditional savings accounts do. Most funds have no charges to administer. This means if investors need access to their money there are no additional costs or penalties.

Fortier says for terms less than one year people should look at depositing money into a bank account.

"Usually with a young client you want to nurture that person for the rest of their life. You must keep them satisfied."

Fortier says people today want to be taken care of. "We live in a service industry and therefore must do the best possible for the client," he says.

Darryl Bardsley, 22, a Business Marketing program student at Niagara College, says most students aren't thinking about long-term saving.

Bardsley says young adults have the highest level of disposable income available.

Most students he has talked with aren't fully aware of mutual funds. They don't know the full advantages mutual funds offer, he says.

A mutual fund offers an investor the broadest range of diversification available. Mutual funds can consist of bonds, mortgages, stocks and even a foreign investment component.

Stewart says investors often question the risk factor associated with investments. The advantage, he says, is mutual funds can be structured to suit an individual's decided risk factor.

He says one drawing factor towards these types of funds is the higher returns available. However, there has been some poor performance of certain funds. If an investment is made at a young age there is more time to recover from a downfall.

Stewart says a wise move for a young adult would be to find a financial consultant and talk about investment avenues.

Most consultants don't receive any money until after the purchase of a plan. Any money paid to a consultant comes in the form of a commission issued by the company.

Fortier says, "the company agent is a thing of the past. Being independent enables me to offer a client the best possible products available."

Health conscious students seek food alternatives

Fatty foods unwanted

By LORI LACOMBE
Staff Writer

Students and teachers at Niagara College say the college needs to have a healthier and less greasy selection of food.

Although the college has a cafeteria, a pub, and other food services, there aren't many health-conscious food choices. The food is cheap and filling, but for a vegetarian or someone who's concerned about their health, french fries and burgers aren't enough.

Sal Mohammad, a second-year Business Administration program student, says he rarely eats on campus because of the lack of healthy food. Because of religious reasons and a desire to stay healthy, he avoids most meat and fried food.

"There isn't a great selection of vegetarian entrées and even the pizza and muffins are loaded with fat. If I have the time, I'll go to a restaurant that's close by, but some days I don't have a long enough break to do that," he says.

Mohammad says he'd like to see more vegetarian dishes and a nutritional analysis for some of the high-fat foods. He also says the college is "so busy providing garbage," they probably wouldn't care if students demanded healthier food.

Nancy Geddie, a Niagara College English teacher, says the food served on campus is passable but she'd also like to see some changes. Not a vegetarian, she says she tries to stay away from high-fat foods.

She says some of the foods that sound like they may be good for you are often laden with fat, like the tuna salad.

"The soups are OK but you wonder what's in them."

Geddie also says she would eat healthier foods if they were offered on the menu in the cafeteria.

Curtis Page, 20, a first-year Human Relations program student, says he watches what he eats.

He usually buys a fruit plate or a yogurt from the mini-caf, but says there isn't a big selection of fresh fruit to choose. He says he'd like to see "less greasy food and less fried food" at the college because he feels most college students are concerned about their health.

Page occasionally goes to Taco Bell for lunch, but says he would prefer to see a health food section at the college.

Although the college has vending machines with milk and apples, there's no way of knowing how fresh they are. There's also a salad bar in the cafeteria, but no calorie-reduced salad dressings.

Steeve Anctil, a third-year Manufacturing Engineering Technology program student, says he'll buy fries and a chicken burger for lunch "only because they're fast and cheap."

"I try to watch what I eat, but I don't have much choice at the college. Their food is too much like fast food and that's not nutrition."

Anctil says he isn't worried about the fat content of food, but says he'd like to balance his meals with more vegetables and grains.

"I'd eat healthier food like rice, if they offered it," he says.

The director of Food Services refused to give her name or comment on the subject of Niagara's food services. However, a woman who works at the Mr. Sub located near the bookstore, said the food from the college is supplied by Versa Foods.

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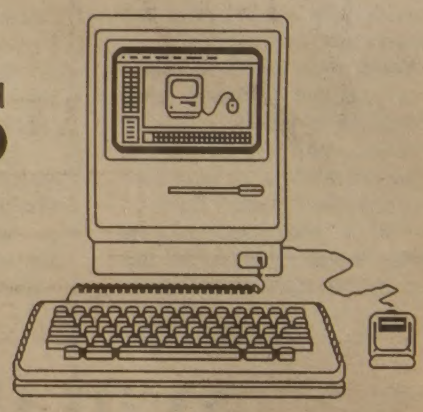

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Time for college

By COURTNEY MARTON
Staff Writer

Celeste Distefano, 23, of Niagara Falls, is a January Start Journalism-Print program student.

She has a two-year-old son, Andrew. She says she wanted to attend college but waited until her son was older.

"Since he was turning two I figured it was the best time for me to go to college."

Distefano is single and has no job. "I have no time to do anything else except go to college and take care of my son."

When Distefano was in her last year of high school, she took a co-op in Early Childhood Education (ECE) at Niagara. She thought she wanted to be in the ECE program but she figured that since she liked to write poetry and did well in English, the Journalism-Print program would be better.

"I love to write poetry but now I have no time for my favorite hobby."

Distefano's average day is "very" tiring. She gets up in the morning, makes sure Andrew eats, sends him to daycare, and comes to college. She then makes sure she picks him up by 5:30 p.m., cooks supper and puts him to bed, and then starts to do her homework.

"I find it hard to be in college when Andrew is sick because then I have to stay home with him," Distefano said.

When she gets a chance, she likes to do volunteer work at Andrew's daycare in Niagara Falls. Sometimes she bakes cookies or helps out if they need extra teachers.

"It's tiring and hard to be in college," Distefano said.

Student gets early start on career

By NETHA NEVERSON
Staff Writer

Everyone dreams of finding a job while still at college, but not all students are that lucky.

Michael Mucaki, 23, of Welland, Ont., a second-year Journalism-Print program student, at Niagara College, didn't have to wait to find a job until he was finished with college.

Mucaki works for the Welland Tribune, a daily newspaper, as a part-time employee covering sports. His main job is to report the scores and do a summary of games played in the Welland, Port Colborne and Pelham areas.

Mucaki works at the Tribune three to five days a week. He works from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., he gets about 13 to 25 hours a week at $7 an hour. Asked if he gets enough sleep while attending school, he replied, "I suffer when it comes to sleep."

Mucaki has worked since September on Niagara News. Asked how he could work at two newspapers while maintaining a B average at the same time, he replied, "It's very hard, but teachers are very understanding. I also worked long hours and on weekends."

'Changing old diapers is not my kind of fun,' Michael Mucaki, 23

Before his job at the Tribune, he briefly worked for a weekly paper in his native city of Windsor. He worked for City Scene for three weeks over the Christmas holiday. He covered sports.

"Before I started this program I tried different careers," said Mucaki. He tried nursing until one day he went into the hospital and didn't like what he saw. "Changing old diapers is not my kind of fun."

Asked why he got into Journalism-Print, he replied, "When my cousin reminded me of what my English teacher had said to me."

Mucaki got the job at the Tribune when Wayne Redshaw, sports editor for the paper, was looking for someone to help with the sports section.

Redshaw called Phyllis Barnatt, co-ordinator of the Journalism-Print program. "Phyllis called me into her office. I thought I did something wrong, but instead she told me about the job.

"I believe that working with the Niagara News helped me get this job. I did a lot of work for the Niagara News covering sports."

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Long registration lineups, minimal staff

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff Writer

The number of students attending Niagara College has almost doubled with no increase in staff to the office of the registrar, says Niagara College Registrar Alan Vaughan.

"We want to do everything we can to make sure our students are well served," he said, adding the staff must "accommodate" registering 5,000 students.

Registration statistics from the office of the registrar said on the 10th day of the 1990 winter term enrolment was 3,015 students. On the 10th day 1995 winter term enrolment was 4,733 students. Staff at Niagara College includes 194 support staff, 254 faculty and 64 administrative staff.

Kathy Borisenko, an admissions and financial aid adviser for 12 years, said her office uses an appointment system for September and January, the busiest time. It was adopted as policy last September. "Now students wait maybe 10 minutes," she said.

In records and registration, Sandy Cottrell, secretary to the registrar, and Carol Desrochers, a registration assistant, are responsible for the timetables. Both have been with the college for 10 years.

"It's a very complicated process," said Desrochers. "It is not just a matter of paying your money and you're in." There is "a lot of planning" involved in scheduling courses.

"It's a steady line from eight o'clock in the morning," said Cottrell.

"Any lineup is unsatisfactory," said Vaughan. In registration and records next September there will be two lines. One line will be for simple rescheduling problems and the other for more time-consuming problems.

"Think of it as an express lane in a sense," he said.

"They need to do something," said Tilly Reimland, 21, a third-year Business Administration-Accounting program student. She had to wait in line for her schedule for three hours that, she said, should have been mailed to her.

An express lane would have cut down that time significantly, she said.

'Optimistic feeling' for Welland Canal's '95 shipping season

By STACEY SMITH
Staff Writer

Many supporters turned out at the Lock Three Complex in St. Catharines to watch the opening of the Welland Canal on March 24.

The M.V. Canadian Olympic had the honor of being the first upbound vessel through the canal this year.

The ship's captain, Austin Peckford, of Newfoundland, was presented with the traditional top hat. The ship was loaded with 26,000 tons of furnace flux from Dofasco in Hamilton and was on its way to Great Lakes Steel in Detroit, Mich.

"We are starting 1995 with a feeling of optimism. Early projections by our shipping company partners indicate a strong start-up by our fleet," said Camille Trepanier, vice-president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

Trepanier said for the shipping industry to remain competitive the Seaway tolls have been frozen at 1993 rates. As well, the Seaway's projected $10-million profit from last year will be invested in maintenance programs and to implement future programs.

"The Welland Canal accounts for over 2,000 jobs in Niagara that are directly related to the shipping industry," said Harley Smith, a spokesman for the Seaway.

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Flashy exhibit honors Bogner's photographs

By RONALD DUGUAY
Staff Writer

Thies Bogner's photo exhibit was picture perfect.

Bogner, president of Bogner Photography Ltd., in Welland, was at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on March 30, showing his works of art.

David Davies, director of the centre, said the college community and the public attended to honor and acknowledge Bogner for his dedication to the college.

"This is our way of saying thank you to Mr. Bogner for his services."

About 50 people attended the showing.

Peter Murray, president of Omni Media in St. Catharines, said the evening was "intimate."

"It was nice to see friends and associates attend. I was surprised at the variety of photos here."

More than 100 pictures were on display, including several photos of China.

Bogner was there recently helping the college promote its programs, to attract foreign students.

"It's important to document something for them to see what's offered at Niagara College."

Bogner has travelled to other places such as Germany and Switzerland for work purposes and leisure activities.

'When I'm on holidays, it turns into a working vacation,' Thies Bogner.

"When I'm on holidays, it turns into a working vacation. I'm still looking forward to getting to Australia," he said.

Bogner also works with the college's Marketing and Communications Department.

He is responsible for producing photos for college posters, brochures and other forms of college-related advertising.

Bogner said he is honored to have the special kind of relationship he has with the college.

His exhibit was the first such show presented at the college.

"Bogner is the college's "official" unofficial photographer," said Davies. "We can rely on him to show his talents in a superb way. He brings out the photos' sense of reality."

"I've worked hard to make this the best show I possibly can," Bogner said.

David Davies, left, honors Thies Bogner for his photographic achievements at the college.
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Barrel Awards arrive at Niagara College

By JEFF MACKAY
Staff Writer

The Barrel Awards have arrived.

The first annual awards program sponsored by third-year film students in the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program has come to Niagara College.

The awards show is designed to present talents of film students from Ontario and New York State colleges. The exposure that students will receive is the main benefit of entering.

The festival screenings will take place on Saturday at the Kingsbridge Centre for the Arts on Queen Street in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The show will feature a range of productions from documentary, drama, animated shorts, to experimental, corporate and music videos.

Entries were received from colleges across Ontario, and American entries have been submitted from Canisius College (Buffalo), Bronx College (Bronx), and the New School for Social Research (New York, N.Y.).

The judging panel was comprised of Kerina Leck, Canadian programming administrator at the CBC, Jonny Silver, filmmaker and house director at La Chaine, Toronto, and Matt Schwonke, film curator at Hallways (Buffalo).

The award-winning productions will be announced at the theatre, after the final entry is shown on April 8. The show is from noon to 6:30 p.m., with hourly intermissions. Admission is $1 for the entire day's events to cover expenses. (This is a non-profit event).

For further information call Shawn Doney or Theresa Benn, festival co-ordinators and third-year film students at Niagara College at 735-2211 ext. 7431.

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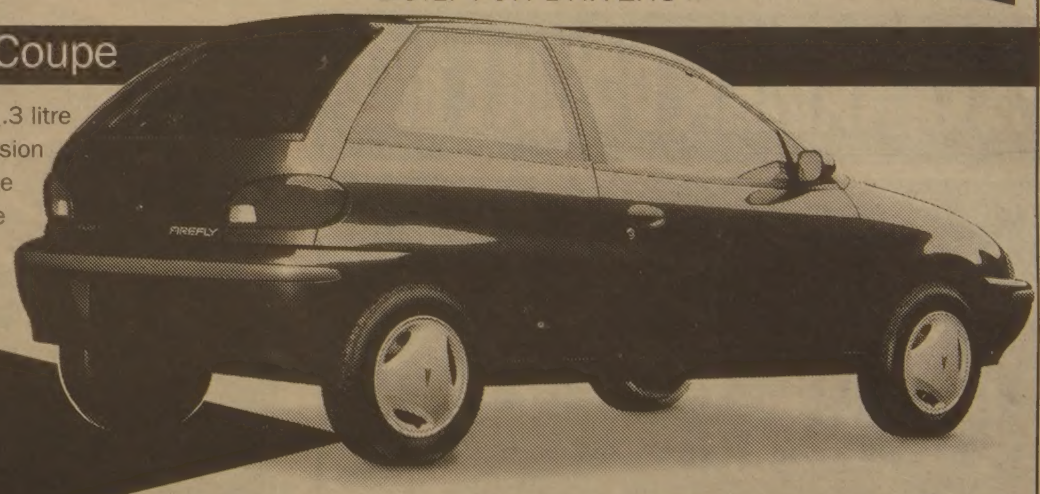

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